Unified Policy regarding collection of forest products used in oil extraction

†1872. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate any unified policy in the country regarding collection of forest products to be used in oil extraction; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) No such unified policy is under consideration at present. However, the Government of India has advised the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations to bring out a legislation conferring ownership rights in respect of Minor Forest Produce, including tree oil seeds on forest dependent communities.

Proposals from States for development of forests

1873. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposals from different States for the development of forests in the country during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the step taken by Government on the proposals received from the Andhra Pradesh Government and the other States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Environment and Forests is implementing National Afforestation Programme (NAP) Scheme for regeneration of degraded forests and adjoining forest lands during Tenth Five Year Plan. The Scheme is being implemented through two-tier decentralized mechanism of Forest Development Agency (FDA) at forest division level and Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs) at village level. Out of 381 FDA project proposals received during 2003-04 and 2004-05, 289 proposals were approved during the same period.

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